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Politburo forms special committee Soviets 'reappraising' relations with Egypt

By ANAN SAFADI
Russian Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Soviet Politburo has decided to reappraise its relations with Egypt. It was reported in Cairo today.

"Al-Ahram" newspaper reported that Russia's party Politburo formed "a special committee" to report on recent Moscow-Cairo relations, strained since Egypt's seizure of over 15,000 Soviet aircraft last July.

The move is believed to be aimed at Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The Russians were seen adopting a strategy of "wait-and-see" before facing political relations with Egypt. They seem to be seeking to emphasize that the Middle East state of no war, peace cannot be laid at Sadat's door — as Sadat has charged that it was a situation Sadat plunged himself into in the absence of a dispatch from Moscow.

"Al-Ahram" said the special committee would concentrate on studying political, military, government and relations between the Soviet Union and Egypt. It will submit a report in January to Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev and Politburo, "Al-Ahram" said.

The working committee is headed by Politburo member G. Ivanovich now, who has been in charge of all aspects of Moscow-Cairo relations.

"Al-Ahram" said the Soviet Politburo's decision followed Moscow's report on recent developments in the Middle East and particularly Egypt.

A Russian decision is believed to have been conveyed to the Egyptian government by Soviet ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov, who on

Monday met Egyptian Premier Anwar Sadat and presidential adviser on national security affairs Hafez Ismail.

The formation of a special Soviet party committee to outline Moscow's relations with another country is believed to be unprecedented as such relations are usually determined by the Kremlin's ruling troika — party chief Brezhnev, Premier Alexei Kosygin and President Nikolai Podgorny, if not by Mr. Brezhnev alone. The move is thus seen to be a bid on Mr. Brezhnev's part to avoid further ties with Egyptian President Sadat, whose regime Moscow apparently expects to fall in the near future amid the current political and military unrest in Egypt.

The Soviet leadership were seen to be demonstrating their reluctance to respond to Cairo's repeated calls for a reconciliation between the two countries, thus undermining recent Egyptian claims of progress in Moscow-Cairo relations.

Following from the Cairo report of the Soviet follow-up of recent developments in Egypt, the Russians appear to have noted the continued Cairo press cries that Moscow was withholding sophisticated weapons from Egypt under an alleged American-Soviet Middle East collaboration.

The Russians also seem to have watched the recent political instability in Cairo, where mounting anti-Soviet sentiment has corresponded with the rise of rightist sympathies and Sadat's collaboration with the anti-Russian regime of Mu'ammer Gaddafi.

Thus, while Sadat is making no Middle East progress in his flirtation with the West, the Russians still hope to exert pressure on Cairo. In the meantime, as they quietly strengthen their foothold in Iraq, the Soviets are likely to continue their cautious moves with Syria.

There was no official comment from Cairo on the new Soviet decision concerning Egypt. However, Cairo Radio last night quoted Sayed Marei, secretary-general of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party, as saying that Egypt herself was heading towards reappraising "international developments affecting her."

Rival Cairo students in fist-fights

CAIRO (Reuter). — Fist-fights broke out between rival groups of students on the campus of Cairo University yesterday as the row continued between anti-government and pro-government factions, informed sources said.

The violence follows clashes among the student groups in which a war of wall newspapers is being fought for the backing of the majority of the students.

The trouble has been confined to the campus and no police intervention has been reported.

Sources said that the current trouble broke out after one student received a letter from the Cairo University authorities denouncing him for being too outspoken in his comments contained in the wall newspapers — a traditional way for Egyptian students to express themselves.

The student's answer, the sources said, was to pin the copy of the letter to one of the wall newspapers.

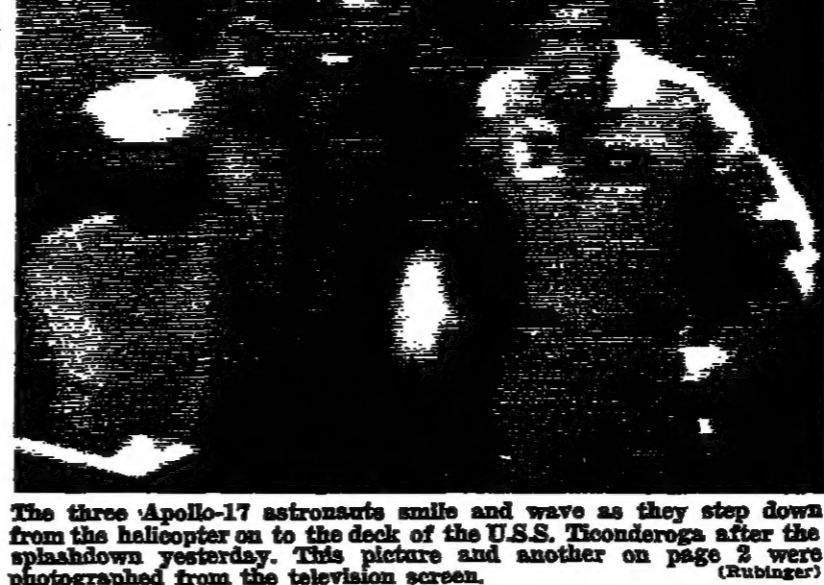
This set off a series of rows, with one group tearing the other's wall papers from the campus notice boards.

The students have also denounced what they called "the fake information media" and one wall newspaper described Egypt's three leading journalists as "the troika of justification." The three are Mohammed Hassanin Haykal, editor of "Al-Ahram," Rihan Abdul Khudous, editor of the weekly "Al-Khbar Ill Yom," and Mousa Sabry, editor of the daily "Al-Akhbar."

Members of the Egyptian press syndicate, at a recent meeting, called for an end to press censorship and drew attention to students' claims that 40 students were being "persecuted" by the authorities for being outspoken.

The pro-government student group has denounced the student group as being "treasonous and traitors" and blamed them for trying to stir up the mass of students.

This group revealed in a leaflet that a number of Palestinian students are being interrogated by the authorities for forming an alleged secret society.



The three Apollo-17 astronauts smile and wave as they step down from the helicopter on to the deck of the U.S.S. Thonderoga after the splashdown yesterday. This picture and another on page 2 were photographed from the television screen.

Astronauts make perfect splashdown

HOUSTON (Reuter). — Astronauts Eugene Cernan, Jack Schmitt and Ronald Evans splashed down in the Pacific Ocean in their spacecraft America yesterday at the end of the last Apollo moon mission.

The perfect splashdown, which came some 640 kms. southeast of American Samoa, followed a virtually trouble-free moon mission. It came slightly under 302 hours after lift-off from Cape Kennedy.

The last seconds of the America's drifting flight beneath three candy-striped parachutes were pictured by an aircraft from above.

The astronauts' voices had been blacked out for three minutes as the capsule hurtled into the searing heat of re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

At the mission control, cheering broke out when the spacecraft emerged from the radio-blackout. A second round of cheering echoed as black baseball caps.

among the masses of computers and machines when the spacecraft suddenly appeared on television, drifting through partly cloudy skies.

"Okay and the crew is doing fine," shouted Cernan as the spacecraft bobbed around in waves lashed by the down draught of two recovery helicopters circling above.

Wearing white coveralls and tennis shoes, the astronauts one-by-one climbed out of the spacecraft and stepped into an orange life raft, assisted by three frogmen.

A basket chair on a rope was lowered to the raft and the astronauts, one by one, were pulled up into the helicopter for the short flight to the decks of the navy carrier.

The helicopter pilot made the trip slowly to give the astronauts time to don Orange Thonderoga overalls for the purpose of continuing the war in the South.

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New targets struck U.S. bombing of Vietnam 'major effort'

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Defence Department said yesterday that renewed U.S. bombing of North Vietnam constitutes "a very major effort," including some military targets never before struck.

But Pentagon spokesman Jerry Friedheim declined to give any specifics on the targets in the Hanoi-Haiphong area and elsewhere in Vietnam, or any figures on the number of aircraft involved.

Military sources said that 100 B52 bombers — about half the total of the jet giants in the Southeast Asia area — have been used in the raids.

The U.S. Command in Saigon announced the loss of two B52s and Friedheim said it is believed they were downed by surface-to-air missiles.

He estimated that as many as 100 B52s were launched by North Vietnamese defenders in the first day of resumed bombing north of the 20th Parallel.

The White House said the bombing, cut back October 22, when it appeared a cease-fire might be at hand, was aimed at preventing a new Communist offensive under cover of peace talks.

The White House also indicated clearly that the new bombing round is intended to prod North Vietnam to a settlement of the war. Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger reported last Saturday that negotiations were at an impasse and he blamed the North Vietnamese for this.

Friedheim was asked why he could not discuss targets in the new bombing round when the Communists obviously knew what had been hit by American bombers.

The Pentagon spokesman replied that he was "not in position" to discuss such details at this time.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said the President was determined to prevent any buildup of Communist forces under cover of peace negotiations.

In response to questions, Ziegler stopped short of saying that a buildup actually was in progress.

Ziegler said the President had promised "not to delay a settlement by one day if it's right but not to agree to a settlement one day before it is right." He added: "We cannot allow the peace talks to be filibustered or delayed for the purpose of continuing the war in the South."

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Soviet Jews jailed for 15 days

COW. — A Moscow court yesterday handed out 15-day jail sentences to 13 of a group of 57 Jews held before the opening of the same Soviet session on Monday, his sources said.

Set of them were detained at a session room of the Supreme Soviet's national legislature assembly. The sources said they were for an answer to a petition filed by some 200 people earlier in the year calling for an amnesty for imprisoned Jews.

Out half of the group were outside Moscow, and the 13 said they were taken back to their native cities under guard.

Earlier report from London, cited to Jewish sources, said 7 women in the group were held at midnight on Monday and to leave their identity cards.

women were told to come collect their identity cards yesterday. Those who had come from cities were told to leave Moscow.

(Reuter, INA)

Gov't denies Yariv met with Kissinger

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday denied reports from Paris that Premier Golda Meir's special adviser Ahuf (Res.) Aharon Yariv met last week with President Nixon's national security adviser Dr. Henry Kissinger.

A Prime Minister's Office spokesman said the entire story was totally without substance. "It never happened," he added.

He confirmed however that Mr. Yariv, the former army intelligence chief, was in Paris from December 7 to 12 to attend fund-raising functions.

The French reports, which were first broadcast on Monday by Radio Europe 1, claimed that Mr. Yariv and Mr. Kissinger met to discuss possible new U.S. initiatives for a settlement of the Middle East conflict.

The reports about the meeting appeared on the same day that the leftist "Nouvel Observateur" weekly published a story claiming that Mrs. Meir had set up a special security branch, headed by Mr. Yariv, to fight Arab terrorism. The story tried to pin the recent attacks on Palestinian leaders in Rome and Paris on Israeli agents. The "Observateur" said that now the Vietnam war is nearing its end, left radioists will turn to aid the struggle of the Palestinians.

Recorded Hussein appeal to influential Americans

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Clergymen, university lecturers and other potentially influential Americans have received unsolicited copies of a record of King Hussein's voice in a propaganda campaign just launched by the Jordanian Embassy here. The King urges joint Moslem-Christian action to end Israeli rule over Jerusalem and her holy places.

The record and a covering letter from Jordanian Ambassador Zuhair Mofat — timed to arrive just before Christmas (and King Hussein's visit to the U.S. in January) — charges that Israel took Jerusalem by force and turned it into her capital in violation of repeated U.N. decisions. "No world power has ever recognized the (Israeli) annexation of the Old City," the King says.

"Israel has ignored the rights and feelings of Moslems by destroying monuments of historic and architectural value and by seizing thousands of acres of Arab land," Hussein charges. "Now the Israelis are surrounding the Holy City with hideous buildings which will alter her religious and historic character." Jordan, on the other hand, "guards Jerusalem and her holy places faithfully for hundreds of years."

"My people and I see ourselves as the faithful guardians of Jerusalem on behalf of all the Moslem world, and on behalf of the Christian inhabitants and all of Palestine," Hussein's voice says. He calls on "all believing Christians" to raise their voices "in order to save our common heritage" and restore Jerusalem to "her rightful owners."

Hussein respects Meir — even if she's a woman

NEW YORK (INA). — King Hussein of Jordan has "respect" for Israeli leaders, especially Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, and would not spurn discussions with Premier Golda Meir because she is a woman, according to an interview published in the "American Magazine" yesterday.

Asked what he thought of Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban, Hussein said: "They have my respect when I can see that they are both conscious of their duties to their own people and to the rest of the world and to future generations of the Middle East... when I don't find this to be true, my impressions are entirely different."

Of Dayan he said, "Dayan is a very capable military man, and, being a military man myself, I have great respect for him."

"Incontestably, Mrs. Meir has proven able to assume a high-ranking position. The fact that she is a woman and a grandmother to boot is completely beside the point," Hussein said.

Knesset factions to fight bill on surplus votes

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Eight Knesset factions met last night and voted to launch a campaign of "parliamentary disobedience" if the two big parties, the Alignment and Gahal, go ahead with their bill to change the distribution of surplus votes in Knesset elections.

The eight factions, which claim that the amendment is grossly discriminatory, are the Aguda, the I.L.P., the State List, the New Communists, Poale Aguda, the Free Centre, Ha'Olim Hazeh and the Communists. The controversial amendment was tabled by the Alignment's Avraham Ofer, and Gahal's Yohanan Bader.

The eight factions said they would make the public realize the gravity of the "plot" by the big two parties — but refused to go into detail about their plans for "parliamentary disobedience."

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Showers will continue in the North, Centre and Northern Negev with occasional thunderstorms in Southern Negev and Southern Sinai. Fairly cloudy.

Weather synopsis: A low over East-Mediterranean causes instability over the region.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	7-9	7-9
Solan	7-9	7-9
Nahariya	10-17	9-16
Safed	10-17	9-16
Haifa	6-8	6-8
Tiberias	12-18	11-18
Nazareth	6-12	7-12
Asula	9-10	9-10
Shomron	9-10	9-10
Tel Aviv	10-14	10-14
Lod	10-18	10-18
Jericho	11-18	10-18
Beer	11-18	10-18
Gaza	9-16	9-16
Beersheba	9-16	9-16
Eilat	14-21	14-21
Tiran	14-21	14-21

Social and Personal

Dr. Fritz Naschitz, the Honorary Consul of Iceland and dean of the consular corps in Tel Aviv, presided over a social tea for the envoys at the Dan Hotel on Monday. Speakers were the Mexican Ambassador, Mrs. Rosario Castellanos, the Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Johanna Nestor, and the special adviser to the Prime Minister on voluntary service, Miss Esther Herlitz. Mrs. Edith Rojansky, Honorary Consul of Monaco, proposed the vote of thanks.

The Jerusalem branch of the Israel Association of University Women is to hold a meeting at Beit Hillel, 4 Be'erot Street, this evening at 8.30. A set of the "Encyclopaedia Judaica" will be raffied off for the benefit of the University Women's Scholarship Fund. Door prizes, and light refreshments. Admission by raffie ticket only.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club is to present 20 scholarships at its regular luncheon meeting at 1 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A.

Rotary Governor Gershon Rivlin will attend a Ladies Evening of the Haifa Rotary Club at the Shulamit Hotel at 8 tonight.

Fashionable Furs — of course at Rosen's Fur Salon, 72 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, Tel. 615990. Open all day. 1973 styles. (Advt.)

ARRIVALS

Professor Emmerich Von-Besam, of Ohio State University, President International Academy of Cytology, to lecture on "Cytology and Pathology," at the Technion Medical School.

Mr. Elyahu Tal of E. Tal & Associates, Tel Aviv, from Lisbon after attending international seminars on advertising and marketing at the Universities of Louanda (Angola) and Lovense Marikesh (Mozambique).

European edition of 'Time' magazine

NEW YORK (AP). — "Time" magazine announced yesterday that it will launch a European edition early in 1973 with headquarters in Paris.

Publisher Ralph Davidson said a European editor and staff are being recruited from within Time, Inc. and will be in Paris by February to begin preliminary work.

Davidson said the new edition will draw on "Time's" worldwide network of correspondents, including the magazine's seven bureaux in Europe, for its editorial content. The new magazine will also contain several European editorial pages.

Two factions emerge at Herut parley

No longer a one-man show

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 11th Herut Convention finally got down to the work of electing its committees late last night, after 24 hours of haggling over their composition.

The main struggle was over control of the 85-man steering committee which is to choose the all-important Central Committee.

The convention broke up without choosing a chairman for the steering committee. But two clearly distinguished factions seemed to have emerged within it.

The party veterans, with chairman Menahem Begin now firmly siding with them, would like to see Yisrael Lubovsky elected chairman. The other faction, that of the party's younger leadership — including Executive chairman Ezer Weizman — is backing Peshia Shamir.

The vigor of the political maneuvering by a "coalition" of local branches seeking to increase their influence over the central party machinery demonstrated clearly the emergence of Herut as a new kind of party, no longer a one-man show.

Party chairman Menahem Begin, who has so far kept above the factional disputes, was summoned to the fray by party veterans who feared that the party was slipping out of their hands and into those of the younger men (centered around Herut Executive chairman Ezer Weizman).

The focus of activity alternated among three adjoining rooms at the top of Beit Jabotinsky occupied by Mr. Begin, Mr. Weizman and party secretary Eitan Livni, the veterans' chief organizer. At the same time, the strings were being pulled by Tel Aviv branch boss and party treasurer Yosef Kremerman, from a rented flat in Rehov Rashi converted into his caucus headquarters. Called back to Beit Jabotinsky later, Mr. Kremerman was seen moving from one room to another, closeted for lengthy periods with Mr. Begin and Mr. Weizman. Haim Landau, Mr. Begin's closest aide, ran back and forth, conveying developments to the others.

The apparent result of all this maneuvering was an uneasy compromise over the steering committee.

The presence of many young delegates heightened the tension and intensified the pressure for shuffling up the veteran-controlled party machinery.

Sharp criticism of the lack of internal party democracy was aired by Boris Kochubievsky, who some years back achieved fame as the first Soviet Jewish activist to be sent to a K.G.B. jail. He charged that many immigrant intellectuals did not join Herut because of the lack of democracy. Mr. Kochubievsky protested: "Menahem Begin is surrounded by many persons who block any contact between him and younger people." Gad Fain, a recently demobilized soldier, urged that Gahal adopt a future-looking programme, declaring: "An alternative government cannot be founded solely on what L.Z.L. and L.H.Y. stood for."

A minor storm was caused by Ya'acov Schwartz of Tel Aviv, who urged maximum efforts to bring back members of the breakaway Free Centre Party. This brought Menahem Begin to charge the "all they did was split the party with their intrigues." Another row was caused by Petah Tikva lawyer Moshe Nehushtan, who criticized Mr. Begin's opposition to civil marriage and support of only Orthodox conversion.

Considerable attention was drawn by a highly polished maiden political speech of Mr. Begin's son, Benny Begin. He rejected the charge that Herut was dogmatic, claiming that its policies were "pragmatic, young and dynamic." He specified three turning points which indicated that Herut was not bound to the past — the formation of a Herut Histadrut faction in 1962, the formation of the Gahal Bloc with the Liberals in 1965, and participation in the National Unity Government in 1967.

The convention also heard political speeches from two Druze delegates, Kamal Nasser e-Din, who lost his son on the battle field and recently left the Labour Party for Herut, said, "We must tell Sapir and Allon that the price of liberation is very high, and we will not agree to give up an inch of soil." Shalikh Khatem Halabi of Daliat al-Carmel said, "It is a crime for the Government to consider giving back any part of the homeland. What is this Kingdom of Jordan and this King Hussein? Where do they come from? I well recall when his grandfather annexed the West Bank, and all the Arabs opposed it. It does not belong to Hussein, so why give it back to him?"

FREE FOR ONE DAY

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA. — Menahem Dayan spent a year in prison before he was acquitted of a murder charge on new evidence. Yesterday, just 24 hours after his release, he was back in court, this time on suspicion of attempted murder.

Police charged that Dayan, 24, walked into the Playtoy cafe Monday night, slashed 27-year-old Abraham Halemaro of Netanya in the face with a razor blade and threatened his life.

Halemaro received 12 stitches. Another man, who asked to be anonymous, complained to police that Dayan came into a different cafe earlier in the evening, damaged furniture and smashed tableware, the court was told.

Dayan, who denied the charges, was arrested in the company of a young Georgian immigrant who was found to be carrying drugs, the police prosecution said.

The Netanya Magistrate's Court ordered Dayan held for seven days. The 24-year-old suspect was on Sunday cleared of murdering a Netanya street-cleaner a year ago.

Snack bar closed for equine meat

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A snack bar at 25 Jaffa Road was ordered closed yesterday by Mayor Teddy Koller for allegedly selling meat that came from either a horse or a donkey.

The municipal veterinarian termed the meat found in Mizmor Teliat Basar unfit for human consumption.

The owner of the snack bar was identified as David Dafi. The Mayor's administrative order can close the snack bar for 30 days, during which time the Municipality plans to take Mr. Dafi to court.

Newcomers from Brazil said given run-around

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The head of the Labour Party Immigration Department, Mr. Dov Tsamir, has charged the Ministry of Absorption with failure in its handling of Latin American immigrants, especially those from Brazil. Mr. Tsamir made his remarks Monday, after returning from a three-week tour of South America on behalf of the Hahabonim movement. He is a member of Kibbutz Bror Hayil.

He charged that the bureaucratic obstacles created by the Absorption Ministry prevent many Jews from coming on aliyah from Brazil. He said many newcomers have been so bitterly disillusioned by their treatment that they recommended to their friends not to come here. He noted that this year some 500 Jews will come here from Brazil, compared to 1,200 two years ago.

In order to prevent a further deterioration in aliyah from South America, absorption services must be radically improved, Mr. Tsamir said. He urged a "shake-up" of the operations of the Ministry and said Latin American immigrants must be made to feel they are as wanted in Israel as immigrants from the Soviet Union and the U.S.



Xmas terrorist hazards 'unlikely': First pilgrims here

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The first five planeloads of Christmas pilgrims arrived yesterday, and military sources voiced assurances that terrorist attempts to disrupt celebrations were highly unlikely. Instead, the visitors faced a more mundane hazard — Lod Airport. Hundreds of pilgrims were jammed into an almost stationary line at customs, while handcarried items like cameras and duty-free packages, which may only be put in the baggage hold, were offloaded and left in the rain, "Tzim" reported.

When the visitors complained, airport officials promised these were beginning-of-season kinks which would quickly be ironed out. El Al replaced some of the rain-soaked items on the spot. In Tel Aviv, senior military source said Bethlehem would be heavily guarded during Yuletide. "Our precautions will be as strong and as good as we can make them," he said. "If I were a Christian, I would not be afraid to visit Bethlehem this year."

Military and police authorities this week completed a wide-scale security screening in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, and found both areas virtually clear of any effective terrorist organization.

The Jerusalem Post yesterday learned the authorities' two main conclusions were that there is a handful of terrorist sympathizer-activists among the local Arab population, but that Israel's tight border security watch kept them from getting supplies from neighboring countries. A dozen suspects in the northern sector of the West Bank have been arrested, and 20 others from different parts of the West Bank and in East Jerusalem questioned. The operation was launched mainly with a view to Christmas. In

the past, the Palestinian terrorist leadership in Cairo, Damascus and Beirut has tried to mark the holiday with minor incidents that received wide publicity.

Security authorities yesterday reinforced patrols, especially in East Jerusalem, where Christmas preparations were coming to a climax. Larger than usual units of armed border policemen were patrolling the winding alleys of the Old City and its market place.

Meanwhile, a chill breeze and drizzle curtailed Jerusalem and Bethlehem. A trickle of pilgrims already was moving in.

Western churches observe the holiday Sunday night, the Greek Orthodox Church will mark it two weeks later, and the Armenian and other Eastern churches will celebrate it 12 days afterward.

The bulk of the pilgrims will converge on Bethlehem this weekend for the Catholic services. The Protestants will hold their own services at Shepherds' Field and community churches in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth.

Several hotels in East Jerusalem yesterday reported full booking. Over 15,000 pilgrims are expected to arrive in the country by air and sea.

Pedestrians in Jaffa wade the ankle-deep lake that is in Sderot Yerusshalayim in wake of yesterday's rain. Picture was taken at the of Rehov Hakekuma, where sporting goods store Jestsu life-saver in its window.

RAINS TO CONTINUE

TEL AVIV. — The weather forecasts more rain today, and be even-tomorrow, with partial clearing during the day. The rain moving northward where it is ed most.

Mr. David Artel, head of Central Crops Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, told The Jerusalem Post that if at least 30 meters fall, the danger of drought in the north will have passed. The weatherman said that was a danger of flooding in areas and wadis, especially Judean foothills.

In Tel Aviv there were cases of apartments being flooded low areas of the town. The TV fire brigade told The Jerusalem Post that the brigade was useless on emergency footing.

Two killed in road crashes

Jerusalem Post Staff
Two persons were killed at injured in road accidents in recent parts of the country in past two days.

David Deutsch, 23, of Givat was fatally injured when swerved to avoid a pedestrian crashed into an oncoming bus pedestrian, Naftali Cohen, 2 Bat Yam, was slightly hurt. The accident occurred on the Petah Tikva-Netanya north of the Raanana junction.

Esther Cohen, 23, of Ra was killed when the car in she was travelling sided an. Lided with an army truck on Ramle-Blu road Monday. Five other persons in the driven by 17-year-old Zadok were injured.

Eban reports to Knesset committee

Foreign Minister Abba Ebar part in yesterday's meeting of Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

The official communique said "topics under discussion include current U.S. stand on Middle peace initiatives, the Vietnam Mr. Eban's recent meeting with British Foreign Secretary, the here of the Danish Foreign Ministry political activity in the U.N. General Assembly regarding the Middle East and terrorism, contacts with E.C.C. on a Mediterranean agreement and an interim agreement until the overall agreement goes into effect, Israel's political relations with South Africa, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with South Africa."

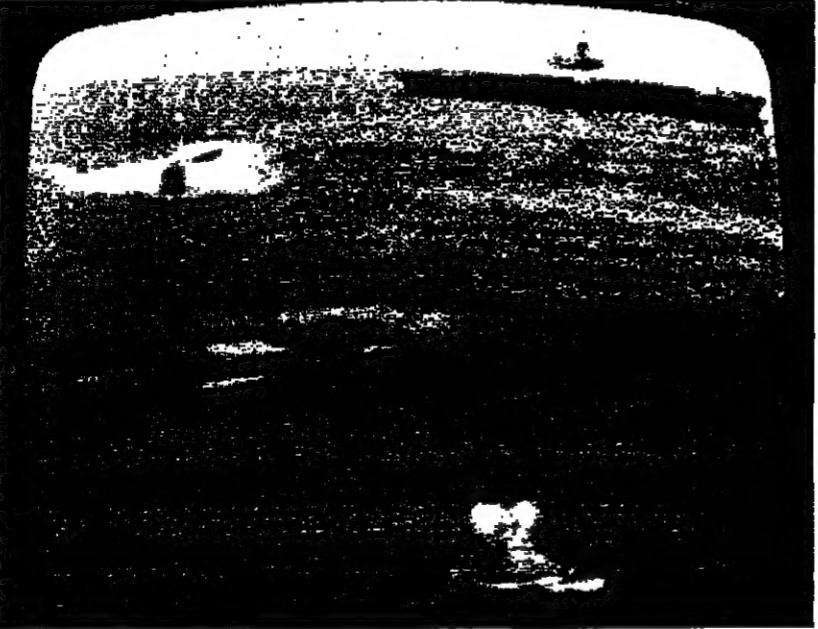
Libya stirs up anti-Semitism in Italy — Tsur

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi has been pouring millions of dollars into Italy to stir up anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, according to Ya'acov Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Tsur, who has recently returned from Italy, told the Zionist Executive yesterday that the money was going to various Italian organizations and, according to one report, to certain newspapers.

Mr. Tsur said that the man-in-the-street was now overtly anti-Semitic, something which had not even occurred during World War II. The J.N.F. leader said that the Italian Communist Party, acting under orders from Moscow, was also participating in the campaign, and that party organs published a report by the Novosti news agency alleging that the Talmud commanded the killing of non-Jews.

The Executive also heard a report on Jews in Arab quarters, particularly Syria and Iraq, from Shimon Dvora, political adviser to Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The Executive decided to step up the campaign to free eight Jews being held in Iraq and eight in Syria, as well as for the right of Iraqi Jews to emigrate.



Rescue helicopter hovers over the Apollo capsule before picking up the astronauts and bringing them to the deck of the U.S.S. Teconderoga.

Court intervenes to stop French daily closing

TEL AVIV. — The District Court yesterday issued an injunction forbidding the publisher of the French daily "L'Information d'Israel" from suspending publication. It also ordered "L'Information's" successor of one day, "Journal d'Israel," not to appear again.

The order was requested by the owners, the United Publishing Company. United publishes several newspapers in foreign languages on behalf of the Labour Party.

In July 1971 it signed a contract with Mr. Ya'acov Rabin appointing him publisher of "L'Information" against payment of L/75,000 a year.

On Monday at 5 p.m. Mr. Rabin notified United he was suspending publication of the morning paper unless certain changes were made in his contract. Under the terms of the contract, United had the right to appoint an editor for the paper, and Mr. Rabin objected to the man it named. (He is Mr. Maurice Politi.)

The same evening, Mr. Rabin's son, Zvi, put out the first number of another paper, the "Journal d'Israel," using the same printing plant and the same workers. Mr. Zvi Rabin has a licence to publish a paper under that name.

Mr. Rabin's lawyer said in court that this was an entirely different newspaper.

The court accepted United's argument that in fact this was the same paper. Judge Shlomo Lowenberg noted that on the first page of the "Journal" there was a notice from Mr. Ya'acov Rabin that "L'Information" no longer exists and that the "Journal" would assume all the

obligations which it might have towards its subscribers and its advertisers.

As regards Mr. Zvi Rabin, Judge Lowenberg said that the order in no way restricted his freedom of expression. He has a valid licence to put out a paper, the judge said, but he has to found a new one, not put out "L'Information" under another name. The court also forbade the Rabins to use "L'Information's" list of subscribers to make contacts for their own paper. (Him)

Fatah poet on Israel TV

A protest was lodged yesterday over the recital of poems by a Fatah activist on Israel Television's Arabic-language programme a month ago.

Television's explanation was that the director did not know poet Rashid Hussein belonged to a terrorist movement.

Hussein's poems were recited on a weekly programme on Arabic literature. A month later this came to the attention of Mr. Kamal Mansour, the President's adviser on minorities and a member of the Broadcasting Authority who voiced his complaint to the TV management.

Broadcasting spokesman Ari Avnerre said it was an oversight, and that the matter had not been noticed until now because "the poems were not offensive."

Hussein was born in Israel but moved to the United States several years ago and became active in a Fatah group there.

HENRY SHAPIRO

The next instalment of Henry Shapiro's series on his years as a correspondent in Moscow will appear tomorrow.

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Selman and Herbert Caplan

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE ALPHA OMEGA international dental fraternity will hold its first annual convention outside North America in Jerusalem next week. Some 350 dentists and their families from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., France and Israel will attend.

AN OUTPATIENTS' psychiatric clinic with 15 beds was dedicated yesterday at Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Its purpose is to ease pressure on the psychiatric department.

FOUR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES will be built over Nahal Haganaton in Nahariya, according to an agreement reached yesterday between Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Mayor Gershon Tatz.

Beirut hears 'Hava Nagila'

BEIRUT (AP). — The strains of the Hebrew song "hava nagila" floated into Lebanese living rooms on Monday night when a musical variety programme was broadcast by privately owned Television channel 11, newspapers reported yesterday.

"We stopped the projector as soon as the Ministry of Defense called us," said Louis Miskhoud, Broadcasting Director, adding that the film had been "censored," but apparently the song "escaped the censor's attention."

Government censors have a curiously lax attitude towards Lebanon's two privately owned stations. The British press magazine Lord Thompson of Fleet has a 51 per cent interest in Television Channel 11.

Pinkerton's to fight hijacking

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Pinkerton's, the well-known detective agency, announced yesterday that it is expanding its guard service to join the battle against hijacking.

A company spokesman said Pinkerton's detectives will be offered to airlines to search luggage and to monitor electronic surveillance equipment at aircraft loading gates.

SOME 4,000 EMPLOYEES of the Jerusalem Municipality, which is the biggest employer in the Capital, today elect their staff committee. The city has 6,000 persons on the payroll, but only full-time employees are eligible to vote.

Parley to plan 9th Maccabiah

By JACK LEON, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi leaders from 15 countries are now arriving in Israel for next week's plenary meeting of the International Maccabiah Games Committee. They will make detailed plans for the coming ninth games, taking place here from July 9-19.

The gathering, which starts on Tuesday at Ramat Gan's Kfar Hama'acabiah, will be preceded by the annual meeting of the Maccabi World Executives on Saturday evening. Maccabi World Union Chairman Pierre Gillesgame, of London, will preside over both events.

A record 1,800 athletes from nearly 30 countries will be taking part in the games. The Jerusalem Post was informed yesterday by Mr. Haim Wein, Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Mr. Wein said that every participant will be required to sign a form certifying that he is a Jew.

Israel XI playing Rumania

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel will field a team of veterans against the Rumanian league selected at the Bloomfield Stadium this evening. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

Cosach Edmund Smolowitz will field the same team that played the Argentine champions Independiente to a goal-less draw and beat Argentine "B" 3:2 some weeks ago. Moshe Ozman in the attack and Abba Ghindin in defence retain their places. Hakonah's Zvi Farber is among the reserves, but may be called in during the game.

The manager of the visiting Rumanian contingent, Mr. Angelo Niculescu, said yesterday that in fact the team to face Israel is the strongest Rumania can field at this time. Seven members played in the World Cup Finals in Mexico in 1970. The team will be spearheaded by Dobrin (No. 7), one of the best forwards in Europe today. Dumitrache (9) was Rumania's top goalscorer in Mexico. The Rumanian captain, Lucescu, has played 42 times for his country.

In recent matches Rumania drew twice against Hungary, beat Czechoslovakia 2:1, Wales 2:0 and Finland 4:0.

LINEUPS:
ISRAEL: Visker, Gindin, Rosen (captain), Primo, Borbe, Shabab, Shmuni, Dami, Feigenbaum, Ozana, Talbi.
RUMANIA: Adanaka, Saimarano, Bocvile, Antonescu, Dima, Dobrin, Dumitrache, Dumitrache, Nonweiler, Lucescu.

Too few rules for social workers

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The fact that social workers have too few rules to guide them and too much discretion in handing out allowances are the main causes of violence at social welfare bureaus. This is the opinion of Dr. Eliezer Yaffe, head of the Hebrew University School of Social Work.

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'Temporary' dockers in Haifa Port strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Temporary port workmen on strike yesterday pressed their demand for permanent status. They also asked for more money.
 They get IL24 a day, but they do work the strike, which was not approved by the Labour Council, had no immediate effect. Port work was partially paralyzed by rain. Involved were 450 Jewish and Druse dockers.

Some of whom have worked in the port for four years, hired through the labour exchange, and their pay, IL19.25 a day, was determined by the Histadrut.

Although the port management is a few pounds for meals, work clothes and work inside the ships, they still earn considerably more than permanent workers and the harder and dirtier jobs.

150 MADE GRADE

During the past two years, the management made 150 of the men permanent and is ready to make another 50 now. The port manager noted that although the agreement does not deny the justice of the men's claim, with the reduction of containers the port is needing fewer men in a or two. If several hundred are made permanent now, they would become redundant in a short time.

He conceded that the port would be able to operate efficiently during the present winter season with the temporary workers. The men, on the other hand, said they could still exert pressure.

The air spokesman said that they would carry on the strike or other actions until their demands were met. The only compromise they accepted was a gradual transition to permanent status at the rate of 150 workers a year.

Workers continued their strike after the afternoon shift, defying the Labour Council's order to return to work. The Council proposed no more temporary workers, but in the hope that those already working would be granted permanent status. The men demanded an agreement in writing, which the management is not willing to make.

Engineers' wage rise would have repercussions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
AVIV — If the country's engineers and technicians win their new grades at the top of wage scales, there will be ripples throughout the civil service — according to Mr. Daniel Abramowicz, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department.
 One of the "unified" grading systems would accept a salary that is lower than that of an engineer, he explained — especially many of the engineers are civil servants. In addition, professionals in Israel are to the engineers' wage scale.

Engineers' Union has threatened a one-day warning strike on Friday if their request for a 7 per cent rise is not approved by then. Treasury has offered them 5 per cent wage rise — but on condition that the rise is spread across the grade board. Engineers have accepted the offer, but it was a 34 per cent rise in top grades and 70 per cent or more per cent at the bottom of the scale a much smaller increase.

to avert Mekorot strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
AVIV — The Histadrut urged Mekorot water workers to call off their strike so that the labour front could look into their case.
 Workers want the Government to drop its plan of selling a subsidiary Mekorot to Sotol Boneh. If the Government refuses, the workers threatened to go out on general strike January 2 (not December reported previously). A strike would disrupt the supply of water to consumers.

Abrahamowicz, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, said workers last night the

Customs shed at Lod fills up as strike goes on

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Some 800 tons of air cargo have piled up in shed No. 2000 in Lod Airport during the three days of the partial customs strike.
 The Trades Union Department of the Histadrut yesterday approved the suggestion of the Ministry of Finance which recommends paying certain categories of custom officers a month's salary as recompense for past grievances. A committee would investigate the claims of groups not covered by the recommendations of the Histadrut committee which had looked into the matter in the past.

El Al mistreats air hostesses

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — The Knesset Labour Committee yesterday expressed the hope that when El Al's air hostesses sign their new labour contract, "all discriminatory clauses" are deleted. Submitting its recommendations, the committee said that El Al treats its female employees unfairly. The committee noted that the last labour contract, signed in 1969, was discriminatory.

During its six meetings on the subject the committee heard that female air hostesses can never be promoted to the grade of "steward" merely because they are women. Should one of the hostesses fall pregnant, she is forced to take compulsory leave until the baby is born, and is then automatically dismissed.

El Al has also reserved the right to fix an age limit for its employees — today a hostess can be employed for a maximum of ten years or up to the age of 35. The company can also unilaterally fire a hostess who marries within four years of receiving tenure, or if she marries a member of an air crew.

Histadrut to change C-o-L allowance policy

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — If the cost of living rises sharply during 1973, the Histadrut will demand readjustment of the Cost-of-Living allowance during the course of the year and will not wait until January, the Trade Union Department decided yesterday.

The Department also decided that the ceiling of IL700 on which the monthly C-o-L increment is paid will be raised in 1974.

Frequent readjustment of C-o-L allowance was typical in the 1950s, but it was discontinued because economists claimed it contributed to inflation. Since 1964 C-o-L allowances have been adjusted only once a year — in January.



FIRE — Children from the Diskin Orphanage in Jerusalem line up outside the building as firemen work to put out the blaze inside. (Times)

Firemen snuff out orphanage fire in minutes

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Fire last night forced the evacuation of 130 children from the Diskin Orphanage in the Kiryat Moshe Quarter of Jerusalem. The blaze in the four-story building was put out before it caused much damage, and the children were returned after spending two hours out of doors.

An official said the fire began in an attic room where plastic charity boxes were stored. He said he suspected it was started by children.

Jerusalem Fire Chief Abraham Lieberman said it was a fortunate coincidence that the local fire brigade was holding a monthly drill when the alarm was sounded at 6:37 p.m. Where normally just 12 men are on duty, 40 were on hand for the drill in the Givat Mordechai fire house.

They arrived at the scene within minutes with eight pumps and a ladder truck. Mr. Lieberman said the blaze was brought under control within 10 minutes. If it had not been caught quickly, he said, it would have spread throughout the building.

Electric power was cut off in the area for about 15 minutes while firemen worked at the site.

Police probe 'corruption' in Herzliya

TEL AVIV — A Herzliya municipal official was remanded in custody for seven days yesterday on suspicion of soliciting bribes from businessmen seeking shop licenses. The prosecutor claimed this was only a tiny part of a corruption affair involving "senior" municipal officials.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Yitzhak Reuveni, said the affair came to light from shopkeepers' complaints. Police began investigating at the request of the Mayor and the Municipal Comptroller.

They were told by the shopkeepers that Salomonov had asked for payments of up to IL500 for arranging the papers they needed, Inspector Reuveni said.

He added that the shopkeepers reported being harassed by inspectors, who fined them for faulty sanitation and even brought one businessman to court for having no license.

Inspector Reuveni charged that Salomonov's case was only a tiny part of the corruption suspected in the city engineering department. Several employees, he said, permitted builders to commit "noticeable deviations" in construction. (Times)

Spy ring to be tried shortly in civil court

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — The suspects in the Syrian sabotage and espionage ring uncovered last week in the North will probably be tried shortly in the Haifa District Court, it was learned yesterday.

Police are winding up their investigation of the three dozen or more suspects still in jail and will soon turn their findings over to the State Attorney's office to draw up indictments.

Magistrates' Court Judge Miriam Verulsky yesterday ordered the two newest suspects — both residents of Haifa's Wadi Nisnas quarter — remanded in custody for 15 days. She banned publication of their names, but "Tim" learned that one of the suspects is a relative of the alleged ring leader of the local operation, bookseller David Turik.

TWO YEARS LATER Write to the people jailed at Leningrad

On the second anniversary of the first Leningrad Trial (December 15-24, 1970), the Public Council for Soviet Jewry has appealed to the public to write letters to the prisoners and to their relatives in the Soviet Union.

Twelve Jews are now serving prison-camp terms of from four to 15 years for their parts in a plot to hijack a plane and use it to flee the U.S.S.R. They were also convicted of other "anti-Soviet activities." They are Wolf Zakmannon (10 years), Yofit Mendelvitsh (12 years), Leib Hanoch (10), Anatoli Altman (10) and Mark Dimshits (15) — all in a prison camp whose address is Moskva U.C.H.R. 5110/1 VS, U.S.S.R. — and Silva Zakmannon (10 years), Israel Zakmannon (8), Eduard Kuznetsov (15), Yuri Fiodorov (15), Aleksei Murzhenko (14), Boris Penon (10) and Mendel Bodnia (4) — at Moskva, U.C.H.R. 5110/1 VS.

Their next of kin, and their addresses, were provided by the Council:

For the Zakmannons and Kuznetsov — Yofit Zakmannon, U.S.S.R. — Riga, U.L. Veldenbaum 45-22.
 For Mendelvitsh — Mosus Mendelvitsh, U.S.S.R. — Riga, U.L. Kirov 18-8.
 For Hanoch — Etta Shvartz, U.S.S.R. — L.S.S.R., Rishad R-ON, P/O Ubroka Institut, Dom 3-17.
 For Altman, Arshai Aleksandra Naum, U.S.S.R. — Chernovits, U.L. Kotlovskovo 5-6.
 For Dimshits — Alevitna Iv. Dimshits, U.S.S.R. — Leningrad, Novol.

Public Services C'ttee appoints own experts
 Four Hebrew University experts in the fields of social work, medicine and criminology have been appointed as advisers to the Knesset Public Services Committee. They are Dr. Yona Rosenfeld and Mrs. Monica Shapiro of the School of Social Welfare; Dr. Yehudit Shoval of the Medical School, and Dr. Menahem Amir of the Criminology Department of the Law Faculty.

Knesset body blasts inaction on pollution

By ASHER WALLFISH
 Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
 The Knesset Ecology Committee yesterday condemned Government inaction on pollution and called for the tightening up of regulations to combat air and noise pollution.

The statement came after the committee heard testimony by ecology experts. The Knesset body was discussing a motion on the implementation of the 11-year-old Kanowitz Law. The motion was submitted in the plenum by Mr. Gideon Hauser (I.L.P.).

Industry failed both to combat pollution and to take precautions against it. The air was being increasingly polluted by the rising number of cars and by the proliferation of individual home heating systems using fuel oil.

The law should be amended to set more precise anti-pollution standards, the committee urged. It took the Health and Interior Ministers 10 years to gazette regulations on air pollution after passage of the Kanowitz Law, the Knesset group noted.

The committee warned that lack of vigorous action would result in harm to the people, flora and fauna, and environment of Israel. Every other developed country was spending money and taking measures to reduce pollution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommendations made the following points:
 • The Ministers of Health and Interior are not keeping up with advancing technical know-how about pollution prevention, and are not applying it in practice.
 • The present laws only cover "pollution harmful to persons" and must be widened to cover harm to flora, fauna and the environment in general.
 • Absolute pollution levels must be fixed in ministerial regulations, so that accused parties cannot bring their own experts to court to argue about the hazards involved.

• The laws must have teeth so that Government departments can prevent pollution by factories and power stations right in the planning stage.
 • Fixed standards must be laid down to define sources of pollution.
 • The laws must specify the administrative stages in taking action against pollution, and not merely the judicial stages.
 • Pollution by causes other than gases and floating particles should be written into law.

PASSING THE BUCK

The Committee's most cutting conclusion was that it was high time Government departments and the local authorities stopped passing the buck with regard to the environment: the Government must finally realize that ecology is its responsibility.

In another related issue Dr. Meir Avizohar (Independent) has asked for an urgent debate on charges that the Public Works Department is deliberately flouting published Committee recommendations.
 After the Committee said the Ramat Hasharon highway-widening project should include a high bank of earth and trees to block traffic noise and smells from the nearby houses, Dr. Avizohar charged, the P.W.D. went on to ensure that these recommendations were thwarted.
 (Ramat Hasharon residents are still fighting the project, which would turn the Gaha Road extension passing their suburb into a four-lane highway. Mr. Avizohar himself is from Neve Magen, the quarter of Ramat Hasharon which would suffer most.)
 (see Japan — page nine)



Sinai hajis to travel via Egypt

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA — One hundred residents of the Sinai will be going to Mecca next month — via Egypt — rather than across the Jordan River bridges, as other hajis from Israel-held areas have done since 1967.

Some 900 Gaza Strip and Sinai residents have already left for the Mecca pilgrimage (hajj) via Allenby Bridge and Jordan. But numerous residents of Sinai have asked to go the other way — across the Red Sea from central Egypt to the Saudi Arabian coast. Before 1967 this was the usual route for Sinai and Gaza Strip hajis.

The Egyptian authorities have approved a list of 100 Sinai residents, who will cross from here into Egypt, via Kantara, some time early next month.
 From there they will travel by land down to one of Egypt's Red Sea ports and take a boat across to Jidda or some nearby Arabian port. (Jidda is only about 125 kilometres from Mecca by land.)
 It is not known how many names were on the original list submitted to the Egyptian authorities, but it was learned that not all the would-be hajis from Sinai were approved.

Soccer violence is 'perversion of sport'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
 Some of the things that happen on Israel's soccer pitches can only be described as a perversion of the spirit of sport.

This blast came yesterday from the Knesset's Education Committee. The Committee was publishing its recommendations about violence on football pitches — a motion by Mrs. Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment-Labour) referred to it from the plenum. In six sessions, it took testimony from the Sports Authority, the police, the football associations and the referees' association.

Responsibility for the violence lies with players, with spectators in general and club fans in particular, with club officials, and with the very physical conditions on the grounds, the Committee concluded. It warned that if the situation were not remedied, and the spirit of fair play not restored to the game, it would have to reconsider the wisdom of spending public money to subsidize sports with such dubious educational effects.

'Blessed event' for father of 35

HAIFA — Mr. Hussein Abdul-Karim Haj Ajarah, 55, who lives in a place of his own near Kiryat Tivon with his three wives and 35 children, has just had an addition to his family — his 17th son.

His wives and their children each live in some stone houses which the father built for themselves. The father of what is probably the largest family in Israel divides his time between them.

He hopes to establish a tribe of his own in their own village. He already has a number of grandchildren, and his wives and daughters sometimes go to a maternity ward together. Some of his daughters have married "outside," but all his sons live in the family compound.
 His acquaintances call Mr. Ajarah "Abu Tamim," "father of the insurance," because of the IL700 he receives each month in grants for his minor children from the National Insurance Institute.
 The family supports itself farming 150 dunams, rented from the Lands Authority.

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February 1973 Constructa 1973 International Building Exhibition. Hanover	24.3. — 28.3.1973 35th GDS — European Footwear Sample Display Duesseldorf	24.3. — 1.4.1973 International Exhibition Sanitation-Heating-Air Conditioning Frankfurt
3.2. — 9.2.1973 24th International Toy Fair * Nuremberg	11.4. — 15.4.1973 97th IGEDO International Fashion Fair Duesseldorf	2nd Half April 1973 Auto, Motor + Boat 73 International Motor and Sport Exhibition Neumuenster
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Viet bombing may slow big-power detente

By K.C. THALER
LONDON (UPI). — Communist diplomats said yesterday the resumed American bombing of Hanoi can be expected to slow down temporarily the process of rapprochement of Russia and China with the U.S.

But they did not anticipate a freeze in this process of improving relations, which began early this year with considerable success.

One direct result of latest developments in the Vietnam conflict may be a delay in the projected Washington visit of Soviet Party Chairman Leonid Brezhnev, they indicated. But reports earlier this month had indicated Brezhnev's trip might not take place until 1974, to allow the Soviets "to assess the new Nixon administration."

They also said a certain hardening of the Peking and Moscow policy lines may make itself felt — through probably more in public statements censuring President Nixon's latest Vietnam moves than in negotiations on concrete issues.

Both Peking and Moscow were said to have embarked on a long-term policy line which new crisis elements in the Vietnam war were not likely to change altogether. Neither apparently can afford it, for reasons of their own.

But both Russia and China, according to the sources, were held certain to pledge new and firm support for Hanoi, "if only because they cannot do otherwise."

New pledges of continuing arms supplies to Hanoi could be expected, the sources said, although their delivery has been made difficult by the U.S. blockade of North Vietnamese ports, now evidently being reinforced again.

Nevertheless, Russia and China have for some time shown unmistakable signs that they would feel relief if the Vietnam war were to end, to allow them to pursue their own conflicting interests without the fetters of political, propagandist and arms commitments toward Hanoi.

Western diplomats with close knowledge of the Far Eastern situation, assessing in their turn the new situation yesterday, said it would seem that China will continue its new policy of normalizing relations with the outside world, even though new pledges of support are already being extended to Hanoi.

As for Russia, her domestic economic situation was held unlikely to allow her to halt the process of cooperation with the U.S., whose grain supplies alone are vital to secure the necessary bread supply for the Russian people this winter.

But Communist and allied diplomatic assessments seemed agreed that the promising international peace offensive which swept the diplomatic boards earlier this year from Peking, across Russia and Europe to the U.S., has suffered a setback at least for the present.



This radiophoto, transmitted by Hanoi and received in Tokyo, carried the following caption: U.S. aggressors on the night of December 18 recklessly sent large numbers of aircraft to bomb populated areas in Hanoi and its outskirts, killing many civilians. Photo shows Nguyen Thi Hien Binh, of Hai Ba quarter, with all three of her children wounded. (AP radiophoto)

Turkish military threatens Parliament

ANKARA (UPI). — Turkey's powerful military men warned yesterday they would take action unless Parliament bows to their demands for social reform and drops plans for a political amnesty.

"If the politicians ignore our warnings, they and not we will be responsible for what will happen," a source close to the Turkish general staff said.

He did not specify the kind of action the military would take.

He said Parliament had not attached the necessary importance to a December 11 memorandum spelling out the grievances of the armed forces high command council.

"If Parliament continues its complaisance and non-consideration of the warnings of the High Command Council, the armed forces command would be compelled to step in," the source said.

The memorandum accused Parliament of paying more attention to political demands for an amnesty than to the military's requests for urgently needed tax, land and school reforms.

The Turkish armed forces first spelled out their demands for reform in a statement on March 12, 1971, when they demanded and won the resignation of Premier Suleiman Demirel in what Turks termed a "coup by communique."

Last week's memorandum said the reforms still had not been carried out. In contrast, it said, "a political and sentimental political amnesty has been put ahead of everything else by Parliamentarians, and their activities in this field surpass all others."

Meanwhile, newspapers here commented yesterday on reported police searches in six southern villages following the ambush of a patrol vehicle last week.

The pro-government newspapers said the searches were intended to disrupt illegal organizations which President Makarios has said are being formed by General Grivas to continue the struggle for Enosis — union with Greece.

The State Department will continue to withhold a \$3m. loan to Uganda pending a full evaluation of its attitude towards the U.S. and American citizens, a senior department official said on Monday.

The decision to hold up the loan was announced on September 14. Explaining the action, the State Department described the "deeply shocking and incomprehensible statements" by Ugandan President Idi Amin about the Jewish people and cited the "roughing up" of a U.S. diplomat and his wife by Ugandan troops at the Ugandan border.

The departments reiteration of these views on Monday came with the publication of a letter to the "Washington Post" from Robert McCloskey, deputy Assistant Secretary of State for press relations.

He wrote to the newspaper three weeks ago, officials said, to protest about an article on November 19 which accused the department of deceiving the American people about U.S. policy towards Uganda.

The "Post's" African correspondent, Jim Hoagland, wrote that the Nixon administration said before the November 7 U.S. presidential election that the loan was being held up but that it intended to go forward with it after the election when the issue would not be so sensitive to Jewish voters.

Ulster Protestant threatens military action

BELFAST (Reuter). — Hard-line Protestant leader William Craig yesterday issued a new warning that his thousands of supporters would take military action if Britain failed to restore a Protestant-dominated government system in Northern Ireland.

"We have plans for military action if there is no other way of preserving the democratic rights of the majority," Craig told a press conference after a meeting with Britain's administrator for the province, William Whitelaw.

Craig, a former Home Affairs Minister in the Northern Ireland administration which was suspended last March and replaced by direct rule from London, headed a delegation from the Ulster Loyalist Council to talks with Mr. Whitelaw.

The council groups the main militant Protestant bodies in the province — including the Ulster Defence Association, the Loyalist Association of Workers, the Ulster Vanguard and the Orange Volunteers.

Leading Catholic and liberal politicians meanwhile issued pleas for peace at Christmas.

FULL SUPPORT
A statement from John Hume, a leader of the largely Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, said: "Surely as we approach Christmas we can at least agree not to increase the cost (of violence) and give our full support to organizations and people striving to resolve our problems by peaceful political means."

Meanwhile, police said yesterday they were certain the killer-kidnappers of a local official had fled across the Irish border to sanctuary in the south.

"Courts there have no jurisdiction over murders in the north," a police spokesman said. "Where else would they go?"

Police said William Johnston, a local government official and member of the Northern Ireland police authority, was kidnapped with a man he employed by three armed men from a largely Catholic housing development near Armagh on Monday night.

The two were bundled into Johnston's car, driven across the largely unguarded border and interrogated in an old barn. They were then driven back across the border, the assistant was kicked out of the car, and Johnston was shot twice in the head at point-blank range. He was found dead in the back seat of his car, covered by a blanket, about 100 metres from the border.

'Trinity' movie banned in Cairo as Israeli poison

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt has banned the Russian-made western "They Call Me Trinity," as a "chockablock" slurbing to the audience without realizing the poison of Israeli propaganda concealed within," the newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday.

Set in the 1880s in the Western U.S., the humorous film, which stars Terrence Hill and Bud Spencer, deals with a group of religious homesteaders who establish a settlement on ranchers' land, and then, with the help of outlaws turned good guys, defeat the ranchers' ragtag gunmen.

The film has been playing in three cinemas in Cairo and Alexandria for a week.

The Arab Boycott of Israel Office was notified to put the film on the list in other Arab countries, the paper said, but it may be too late.

"Trinity" played to packed houses in Beirut for three months last summer. Neither censors nor half a dozen newspaper cinema reviewers saw political overtones in the film.

Chad president to Libya today

TRIPOLI (Reuter). — President Francois Tombalbaye of Chad will pay a three-day state visit to Libya today in response to an invitation by the Libyan leader, Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi, the Libyan news agency said yesterday.

U.N. passes weak measure Tekoah: U.N. envoy threatened with bomb over terror issue

UNITED NATIONS. — Certain delegates to the General Assembly have been threatened with letter bombs and other forms of intimidation if they opposed international terrorism, Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said here on Monday.

He was speaking after the Assembly had voted 76 to 35 with 17 abstentions for a resolution withholding U.N. action against terrorism pending a 35-state study of its root causes. (The U.N. legal committee passed this resolution last week.)

In his statement, the Israeli delegate said the "sorry state of our organization is drastically underscored in the U.N. fiasco on international terrorism."

It was to be expected, Mr. Tekoah said, that U.N. members in those Arab states which supported international terrorism would try to prevent the inscription of the item on the agenda, then try to sabotage its constructive consideration.

Facilitatory strategy, distortion of the concept of international terrorism and of the purposes of the debate, and even personal pressure have all been resorted to in order to prevent the United Nations from taking a responsible, effective stand on the menace to innocent lives and fundamental freedoms everywhere," Mr. Tekoah said.

"No means have been shunned to bring this about. Certain delegates have been threatened with letter bombs and other forms of intimidation."

He did not elaborate on the charge.

The terrorist problem, one of the principal issues at this third session, was put before the Assembly at the personal request of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim shortly after the massacre of the

Israeli Olympic team members at the Munich games in September. The U.S., the United Kingdom and Israel were among those who voted against the resolution. Jordan among those abstaining.

U.S. Ambassador George H. Shultz said the resolution represented an adequate expression of community views for a programme of future action.

"When our inaction here states to look outside the U.N. (for solutions), we were the only worldwide mechanism international cooperation that existed," he said.

Two amendments by Zambia adopted to invite members to limit their observations on terrorism to the Secretary-General by 10 (instead of June 1, as originally proposed) and setting member of the special committee at 25 members (instead of 40).

Both the legal committee, and Assembly withheld any consideration of terrorism.

But the Assembly did condone "the continuation of repressive terrorist acts by colonial racist alien regimes in denying their legitimate right to self-determination and independence and human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The Assembly expressed concern over increasing acts of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms.

It went on to reaffirm "the alienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and other forms of alien domination and uphold the 'legitimacy of struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements' (Reuter, 1)

Italian actress Paola Bononi, 72, is shown during her marriage to poet Bruno Vilar, 50, at Gravelona. Tuce on Monday. The actress explained that they were marrying because her 102-year-old mother did not approve of their relationship outside marriage (AP radiophoto)

U.K. car-dwellers protest

LONDON (UPI). — It only took a minute for Jim Sibbons to show a government minister around home on Monday — Sibbons lives in a car.

He drove his home to London with a group of demonstrators protesting the lack of public or low-cost housing. Many of them, like Sibbons, 44, and his wife Peggy, live in cars.

Michael Allison, undersecretary of the Health Department, came out of the House of Commons to meet the demonstrators. Sibbons showed him where he lives.

"We use garages to wash and for the toilet," Sibbons said. "We wash our clothes in laundrettes. There are hundreds like us who will be living in cars at Christmas."

Sibbons and his wife have been offered emergency housing after seven months of back-seat living. Victor Coull, 30, has been living with his 17-year-old girl friend in

Other demonstrators told a they were camped in disused school tents or anything else provides shelter.

"These homeless people have of the biggest problems in the country," said Member of Parliament Greville Janner. "It is scandalous that so many should have to live in cars and tents."

British TV to film 'Moses' in Israel

LONDON (INA). — "Moses, one-hour dramas based on the life of Exodus, is to be filmed in Israel for British television.

DAETS. — A four-man team seven months of back-seat living. Victor Coull, 30, has been living with his 17-year-old girl friend in

VIETNAM

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news agency, said "There has been empowered to declare that the governing circles of the Soviet Union are giving the most serious consideration to the situation created by the step-up in U.S. military action against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam."

The statement said, "This particular decision of Washington flagrantly disagrees with numerous protestations made by the U.S. leaders about their wish to seek mutually acceptable solutions for the remaining uncoordinated problems.

"No pretext, invented in a bid to justify the brutal bombing, can hide the fact that we are faced with new aggressive actions which the U.S.A. is taking against a sovereign state.

In Washington the resumption of bombing brought charges on Capitol Hill that the American people had been misled and demands that Henry Kissinger testify about the breakdown in the peace talks.

Sen. Stuart Symington, Democrat-Missouri, the only senator who sits on both the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, said he wanted Kissinger summoned to explain why no peace agreement emerged from his long secret negotiations with Le Duc Tho.

As an aide to President Nixon, Kissinger is normally immune to congressional questioning.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield and Sen. George McGovern, the defeated Democratic presidential nominee, also expressed impatience in strongly worded statements.

"The painful truth is that the

Nixon Administration has chosen a course that can only keep our young men bogged down in the Asian jungle, our prisoners locked away in Asian cells for still another Christmas and our resources flowing into a hopeless enterprise we never should have begun," McGovern said in a written statement.

He proposed that Congress demand an end to American participation in the Vietnam war through legislation, because "the Nixon Administration has only false hopes and blind alleys in store."

Mansfield also urged enactment of end-the-war legislation.

"My guess is the breakdown of negotiations and the stepped-up bombing will make it more difficult for the Senate to remain silent as it has been while negotiations were in progress and the possibility of peace was within our grasp," he said.

He said the negotiations in October were "99 per cent on the road to an agreement" and proposed that both sides "ought to go back to October 26 and nail it down."

That was the date Hanoi broadcast and Kissinger confirmed the text of a tentative agreement.

The National League of Families of Prisoners of War also criticized the Nixon Administration for raising hopes of peace when a final pact had not been firmly agreed to.

"We trust that our country's spokesmen will refrain in the future from raising the hopes of the nation until a peace treaty has been firmly agreed upon," the League said in a statement.

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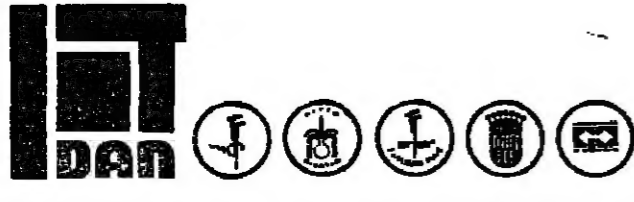
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British Prime Minister Edward Heath sings lustily as he wields his baton while conducting a carol concert in Broadstairs, England, in aid of local charities. (AP radiophoto)

Occupational cancer 'more widespread than expected'

GENEVA (AP). — Occupational cancer may be much more widespread than established so far, a World Health Organization report said on Monday. It suggested industrial workers may be laboring with the disease for years before symptoms or financial losses.

The report, prepared by experts from the U.S., Britain, France and West Germany, also says that only a few countries to date have enacted legislation to guard against the risk of occupational cancer.

Britain and the Soviet Union were listed among the major industrialized nations, along with other industrial states, as having prescribed technical and medical preventive measures.

The report names a wide range of carcinogenic agents known to have induced occupational cancer, from petroleum products posing risks in refineries to arsenic compounds used in the vinegrowing industry.

"There are many hundreds of other chemicals which are known to induce cancer in animals, but for which there is no information about their effects in man," it said.

"A number of considerations suggest that the real incidence of the occupational disease may be considerably higher than has been demonstrated up to now," the report says, explaining the difficulties in tracing back to its origin a disease whose clinical onset occurs only after a lapse of years or even decades.

"Industrial concerns may be unwilling to divulge information because, among other reasons, of the fear of financial liability for compensation, labour problems or loss of commercial advantage," the report says.

"Even if investigations are started, the interpretation of results

U.N. passes 'women's lib' resolutions

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The General Assembly on Monday unanimously approved three "Women's Liberation" resolutions, including one declaring 1976 as international women's year.

This draft calls for intensified action during the year to promote equality between men and women and to ensure a full role for women at all levels, especially during the U.N.'s second development decade which began in January, 1971.

The resolution also urged recognition of the importance of women's increasing contribution to developing friendly relations between states and strengthening world peace.

A second resolution calls for measures to ensure the employment of qualified women in senior and policy-making posts within the U.N. and its various agencies.

The draft notes with satisfaction that Mrs. Heikki Sipilä of Finland recently became the first woman to be appointed to the rank of Assistant Secretary-General. Mrs. Sipilä oversees U.N. social and humanitarian matters.

In a third resolution, the Assembly called on Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to submit a study of U.N. staff regulations which might be thought in some cases to give rise to discrimination on grounds of sex.

9 struck dumb after taking anti-depressant

LONDON (AP). — A leading London psychiatrist yesterday alerted mental hospitals against using Phenothiazine, an anti-depressant drug. At least nine people taking it were struck temporarily dumb, he said.

Dr. Simon Behrman, consultant to several London hospitals, reported his findings in the British "Journal of Psychiatry."

He said the number may be far greater because the dumbness may previously have been mistaken for worsening mental trouble instead of a drug effect.

Phenothiazine is widely used. Behrman said that those patients who had lost their speech had not been given excessive doses. Of five cases, most recovered their speech slowly over several months once the drug treatment was stopped, he said.

In one case, the recovery is still incomplete and one patient has died.

Halt to smoking after 65 'does not prolong life'

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI). — Cigarette smokers who have reached age 65 might as well keep on smoking, they will not prolong their lives by stopping, a Harvard University health expert said yesterday.

Dr. Carl Seltzer, senior research associate at The Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, said persons who stop smoking after 65 appear to gain no additional living time.

He made the statement in a paper he read yesterday at the 25th annual scientific meeting of the Gerontological Society. Seltzer based his conclusions on an analysis of the death rates of elderly British doctors over a 12-year period.

The analysis showed there was no decline in death rates over this period although there was substantial reduction in the doctors' cigarette smoking, he said.

"Regardless of whatever role cigarette smoking may play in affecting longevity at diverse ages the reduction of cigarette smoking did not appear to prolong longevity after 65 had been attained."

"The act of smoking must be meaningful and important to elderly people since they have clung tenaciously to the habit for many years. There seems to be no cogent, irrefutable reason for denying this small pleasure in the last years of life."

Girl who tickled a tiger gets \$10,600 damages

LONDON (AP). — The girl who tickled a tiger worth \$10,600 damages yesterday from the man who took her to the zoo.

Mrs. Marilyn Trehearne, 22, testified she was told the tiger tickled her arm and ruined her career as a model, she said.

Judge Sir Joseph Cantley said Mrs. Trehearne's arm now was grotesque and her career gone.

He ordered the damages paid by James Osborne, Mrs. Trehearne's former boyfriend, and absolved from blame Osborne's half-brother John Aspinall, owner of the private zoo at his stately home in Kent.

Iran arrests four saboteurs

TEHRAN (Reuter). — Four Iraq-trained saboteurs, led by a woman wanted for murder, have been arrested in Kurdistan near the Iraq border, an Iranian government spokesman announced yesterday.

The four saboteurs, who are also alleged murderers and smugglers, admitted they were trained in sabotage and guerrilla warfare by the Iraqi Ba'athist regime, he said. They said they were sent to Iran to assassinate Iranian officials and destroy public institutions.

Small parties fight surplus vote bill as 'discriminatory'

By ASHER WALLFISHER
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

All the Knesset parties except the "big two," the Alignment and Gahal, are mounting a massive parliamentary and public protest campaign (the third in a few months) to thwart a new bill which will benefit the larger parties at the expense of the small ones.

The Alignment and Gahal on Monday secured the approval of the Knesset Law, Constitution and Justice Committee for a private members' bill by Avraham Ofer (Alignment) and Yohanan Bader (Gahal) which will change the method whereby surplus votes are distributed in the Knesset elections.

The Ofer-Bader bill will return to the plenum in a few days for its first reading.

The bill would distribute surplus votes (i.e. those "left over" after a party's total votes have been divided by the number of votes required per Knesset seat) on the principle that larger parties get priority for the Knesset seats still undistributed.

Under the present system, the surplus votes are "wasted" a seat according to the parties which merit the highest "fraction" of a seat. If each seat required 10,000 votes, and a party won 18,000 votes, that party would have priority in winning a second seat, over a party which won 207,000 votes, got 20 seats (multiplied by 10,000 votes each) and sought a 21st seat.

The Alignment's Avraham Ofer called parliamentary correspondence together on Tuesday and claimed that the present system, benefiting the small parties, was unfair.

A small party (as in the example above) needed only 9,000 votes for each Knesset seat (18,000 divided by two). A larger party (as in the example above) required 10,550 votes (207,000 divided by 20).

FAIR PROPORTION

Mr. Ofer argued that the country's electoral system should provide a fair arithmetical proportion between a party's total votes, and its total number of Knesset seats. No system of distributing surplus votes ensured absolute justice, he admitted, but the Alignment-Gahal proposal served justice more than anything else, he claimed.

The present method gave prizes to tiny splinter parties, while penalizing the large parties, which grew out of a process of unification. (The arithmetic of the new proposal, he said, would be to divide the total number of votes which each party collected, by the number of basic "whole" seats, plus one. That would show how much it would "cost" each party to "pay" for an extra seat. The parties which "paid" the most would get priority when the undistributed seats were given out.)

(Mr. Ofer explained that in each election between 112 and 114 of the 120 Knesset seats were divided out on the first count, as "whole" seats, and the entire issue concerned the remaining six or eight.)

Mr. Ofer claimed that most countries which had proportional representation used his proposed system. It was more modern, he said. In fact, the system he proposed was used in the First Knesset, but

was changed for the Second and subsequent Knessets, because Gahal's Dr. Bader led a successful campaign against it.

In the First Knesset, Mapai favoured the system, in the hope of winning an absolute majority, but Dr. Bader's Herut party whipped up a wall-to-wall revolt against Mapai.

Herut, as merged with the Liberals to form Gahal, now stands to gain from favouring the Alignment's surplus votes' proposal.

TAMIR AND PARTY

Gahal's second reason, in all probability, is that the proposed system would deprive Mr. Shmuel Tamir and his two-man Free Centre faction of their chances of getting a second seat.

Gahal's third reason for backing the Alignment, is that in any case the change will not help the Alignment get a majority in the Eighth Knesset, since the Alignment is almost sure to lose votes next autumn. (In the present, Seventh Knesset, the Alignment is one seat short of a majority, with 56 Labour-Mapam seats plus four Arab-Druse seats, totalling 60 — out of 120.)

Without Gahal support, the Alignment would never have dared risking a public outcry and proposing the change on its own. In any case, it would not have commanded enough votes to ensure its passage.

Although the Alignment realizes it has no chance of getting a 61 majority in all probability, it nevertheless hopes to collect at least two free seats, if the new method is introduced. Gahal will get at least one seat more, and the N.R.P. probably one seat, as well. The Alignment is anxious to ensure that Mr. Uri Avneri's one-man Herut-Hahazeh does not get a second seat, and also to thwart Mr. Shmuel Tamir.

The two previous public storms over abortive proposals for parliamentary change, concerned the plan to increase the House to 150 Members, and the plan to raise the minimum qualifying percentage from one per cent of the nationwide vote, to three or five per cent.

UNDEMOCRATIC LOOK

Gahal objected to raising the minimum percentage, because it looked undemocratic, "and in any case the small factions harass the Coalition and not us" as Gahal leader Menahem Begin put it. Gahal likewise objected to the Alignment plan to increase the size of the House. Neither of these two abortive proposals would have benefited Gahal. The proposal of the new surplus votes proposal is that while harming Gahal's foes, it also gives Gahal direct profit.

At the Law Committee yesterday, the proposal was approved by the 11 votes of the Alignment and Gahal, to four of the remaining factions, including the N.R.P.

In the Committee, the Aguda's Rabbi Menahem Forush called the Alignment and Gahal "enemies grinding the faces of the poor." Mr. Avneri called their plan "unconstitutional." The Free Centre's Eliezer Shohet accused the proposers of "stealing 40,000 votes." The State List's Yigal Horowitz called the two big parties "preying lions" and the New Communists Avraham Levenbraun said they proved that "might is right."

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Study of hashish

TEL AVIV. — The systematic and long-term smoking of marijuana causes structural changes of the central nervous system, possibly of the brain.

This emerges from a study recently published in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Harold Kolansky and Dr. William T. Moore, both of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pennsylvania, and of the Institute of the Philadelphia Association for Psychoanalysis, Philadelphia.

Marijuana is the American equivalent of hashish — with an important difference: hashish has to be smoked eight times the amount of the drug to produce the same effect. The drug is used in the East product is so eagerly sought in Europe and the U.S.)

The authors of the research note a contrary to former studies on long-reaching effects of marijuana. In this case only adults were studied to dispel the belief that the long-reaching effects occurred only with adolescents.

They divided the effects into three types: a biochemical change in definition was that six weeks after stopping smoking, all

the effects were gone and the patient returned to a normal life; biochemical effects with suspected structural changes, in which there was only a partial remission of the effects after six months, with some effects found to be active up to nine months; and a biochemical change with possible structural change in which some of the symptoms lasted more than nine months, although some disappeared before this period.

What are the main symptoms the smokers displayed? A leading one was the belief that he had "found his true self," and that his ambition and life goals no longer needed to follow those of the mainstream of society.

But, the authors note, despite his new-found "maturity," he easily lost his temper and became aggressive if someone questioned his new "maturity," or if he was deprived of marijuana (or hashish).

cigarettes, drinks too much coffee, or takes too many aspirins for his headaches which he developed only after he quit marijuana.

A 28-year-old English professor, who encouraged his students to smoke in order to "think more clearly," gradually began to consider himself a "visionary." Later, he thought he was the reincarnation of "Hamlet," who conversed with his father during solitary walks around the campus at night.

He became interested in mysticism, and took a one-year leave of absence to be spent in solitary contemplation. He even left his wife and children for six months so he could be alone. But his interest in mysticism was his salvation, for he

embraced "an Eastern religion" (the authors do not specify which) which forbade the use of drugs. After 14 months of abstinence from the drug, he still complained of his inability to concentrate properly and to convert his thoughts into written or spoken words. He also looks "15 to 20 years older than his real age."

And finally, a 23-year-old unmarried social worker who, after starting to smoke, became confused, loquacious, and silly. "She began to have frequent and indiscriminate sexual affairs" which led her to become infected with gonorrhoea and finally she became pregnant.

STILL GIGGLING

Nine months after giving up smoking, there was a lessening of her confusion, her lack of concentration, and poor attention span. But two years after she stopped, she still had occasional headaches and an "occasional high period, exactly like those I had while smoking." These include giggling, a loss of time sense, and a devil-may-care attitude.

The two researchers note, upon the basis of their study, that there is a direct relation between the frequency of smoking each week and the number of years the patients smoked, and the time it takes to recover from most of the symptoms. That is to say, the more a person smoked, the longer it takes him to recover from most of the symptoms.

WEE WOMEN



"If you knew how this tasted, you wouldn't beg."

Public health masters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SEVEN students from nine countries were awarded Master's degrees in "International Public Health" by the Hebrew University-Jerusalem Medical School in Jerusalem on Sunday night. It was the first group to complete the 14th course. The Foreign Ministry Division for International Cooperation grants fellowships to some of the students, others are sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO), a spokesman he graduates had from Ethiopia, Zanzibar, Zambia, Japan, Peru, Guatemala, the U.S., Canada and Italy.

They include three doctors, a nurse, a dentist, veterinarian, biologist and a zoologist.

Health Minister Victor Sheskov presided at the graduation ceremony. The third course started in October with 22 participants. Similar courses are available at universities in the U.S. and England, but many students find that the Israeli center suited to the particular needs of their country.

Moreover, the habitual smokers were sluggish in mental and physical responses. Many were physically thin and often appeared so tired that they simulated the weariness and resignation of the aged. All appeared older than their real age. They slept during the day, but could not fall asleep at night. They showed signs of mental confusion, a slowed time sense, bad memories, inability to finish their thoughts during conversation, a poor grasp of reality, suspiciousness, forgetfulness, aggression, and, as a rule, were unable to hold a job for any length of time.

One of the cases studied was a 35-year-old housewife (white), the mother of two children, who was "respected, competent, responsible, and with no history of emotional disorder. She was deeply involved in her home and community and considered by all to be a stable individual." After being introduced to marijuana, she identified herself with adolescents in dress, language and ideals. Her home and marriage suffered in that they became secondary and sometimes unimportant to her.

And most surprising, she became so confused in her thinking that "she wanted to join protest movements and she even marched for causes that were frequently at ideological cross-currents with each other."

WITHDRAWAL

After being sent for psychiatric assessment, she agreed to give up smoking marijuana. But her withdrawal was slow and difficult. She held the drug in high esteem and claimed it cleared her mind. It was only after she developed an ailment of the liver (not connected with her smoking) and she had to be hospitalized — and thus deprived of marijuana — that she returned to her former personality. She described her drug experience, which lasted 18 months, as a "dream."

One who quit smoking, but who never fully recovered, was a tree surgeon, aged 32. Today, he gets "high" if he smokes too many

★ ★ Soups of six nations ★ ★

By Molly Lyons Bar-David

If you wish, you can add any soup package you prefer to every soup you make. Monosodium Glutamate is in every powdered soup. The parve golden soup powder peps up every soup and even poultry, meat, and fish.

Scottish Leek Soup

1 kilo chicken, 12 cups water, 8 leeks sliced like vermicelli, 1 small tin of tomato puree, 2 tbsps. sugar, 2 tbsps. vinegar, 1 teaspoon golden soup powder, salt and pepper to taste, 2 egg yolks (beaten lightly).

Cut up the chicken. Cook with all the remaining ingredients except the egg yolks. In about 2 hours, or when the chicken literally falls apart (you can leave it in when you serve the soup, if you wish), remove the soup from heat. Beat a little hot soup into the egg yolks, and then pour back into the soup, mixing well. (Serves 10).

Biblical Lentil Soup

1 cup red lentils, 1 teaspoon golden soup powder, 200 grams hard smoked sausage, 5 cups cold water, 1 bay leaf, 2 big chopped tomatoes, 1 chopped carrot, 1 chopped celery root, 1 chopped onion, 1 slice of rye bread, salt and pepper; ½ cup dry "red" wine.

Put all the ingredients together and simmer until the lentils are mushy. Remove the sausage and cut into cubes. Put the soup, including the vegetables, through a

sieve. Reheat. Serve with croutons and diced sausage and add the red wine before serving. (Serves 5).

French Bouillabaisse

2 large chopped onions, 2 chopped cloves of garlic, 2 tbsps. flour, 2 tbsps. butter, 2 cups tomato pulp, 3 cups water, 8 cloves, 3 bay leaves, 1½ tbsps. curry powder, ½ cup of Sharir wine (or if you prefer add a dash of Tabasco sauce or 778 Chili Sauce), 1 tsp. salt, 1 kilo of any fish (let that you prefer, 2 cups boiling water, 200 grams (less if you wish) sliced mushrooms, hot buttered toast.

Dice up the fish to about 4 centimetre pieces. Fry onions, garlic in the butter and add the flour. Then add the tomato pulp, along with 3 cups of water, 4 cloves, bay leaves, curry powder, ½ cup Sharir wine (or add the Tabasco or Chili sauce). Simmer for half an hour. Then add the salt, fish, remaining cloves, wine, mushrooms and the remaining boiling water. Simmer for about a quarter of an hour. Place heat on large platter. Put the fish on the toast and pour the thick soup over the fish. (Serves 8).

Beduin Chervah Soup

6 chopped onions, 3 tbsps. oil, 6 chopped tomatoes, 12 cups water, 1 kilo of mutton (or less if you wish), 1 crushed clove of garlic, 1 cup mint sprigs, salt, pepper, cayenne, rice as a garnish.

Fry the onions in the oil, add the tomatoes, and stew together. Put all the ingredients except the rice into a pot and simmer for about three to four hours. Add the rice for the last half hour for a soup garnish. Serve pieces of the meat, cut up, in the soup. (Serves 10).

American Oxtail Soup

2 oxtails, 3 litres of water, 1 bay leaf, 2 tbsps. salt, 1 tsp. beef or chicken soup powder (if you wish

you can omit it), 2 tbsps. salt, 1 diced onion, 1 diced parsnip, 1 diced celery root, 2 diced carrots, 1 tbsps. flour, 1 tbsps. oil.

Cut up the tails, cover with water, add the bay leaf and salt and soup powder and simmer until the meat is tender (2 to 3 hours). Add more water to keep the amount to about 10 cups. Add the vegetables uniformly diced. When the vegetables are soft, brown the flour, add the fat, and then stir in a little soup to make a smooth paste. Add the paste to the soup and cook five minutes more. Serve the soup with pieces of meat on the bone and the vegetables. (Serves 10).

Dutch "Snert" Pea Soup

½ kilo split green peas, ½ kilo of head meat (or any other meat with bones), ¼ kilo sausage, 12 cups water, 1 tsp. golden soup powder, 1 large celery root (peeled and cut up), 2 onions peeled and cut up, 1 slice white bread.

Cook all the ingredients together. The bread will disintegrate and thicken the soup. Stir often. Let the soup simmer slowly for three or four hours, until the peas have dissolved. Remove the meat and serve separately. Strain the soup and serve with fried croutons. (Serves 8 to 10).

Israeli Turkey Bone Borscht

2 Turkey wings, 10 cups water, 1 shredded cabbage, 3 grated beets, 3 grated onions, 6 diced tomatoes, 1 teaspoon chicken soup powder, 1 tsp. salt, dash of pepper, dash of celery salt, juice of 1 lemon, 2 tbsps. sugar, raisins if desired.

Boil the turkey wings in the water. After an hour add the vegetables, soup powder and seasonings and cook until the cabbage is very soft (about an hour). Add the lemon juice, sugar and raisins and cook for about 5 to 10 minutes. Remove the chicken wings and serve hot. (Serves 8).



Visit of the wife of the Danish Foreign Minister, Mrs. Knut Andersen, to a Wizo day croche in Katamon, on Monday. Seen from left: Mrs. Abba Eban, wife of the Foreign Minister; Mrs. Andersen; wife of the Danish Ambassador, Mrs. Sigvald Kristensen (half hidden); Mrs. Vicky Meraz and Dr. Hannah Geitner, both of Wizo. They also visited the Arab training centre at Wadi Jos.

Research in reading

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A STUDY of ways to encourage a reading among immigrant and disadvantaged youth is being undertaken by the Hebrew University's Graduate Library School, one of a number of projects sponsored by the Ora Memorial Fund.

The Fund ("Yad Ora") was established by Tel Aviv attorney Yehudah Fraenkel in memory of his

daughter, Ora Fraenkel Cohen, who held the post of senior librarian in the New York Public Library when she was killed in the airplane disaster over Bulgaria (an El Al plane was shot down) in July, 1955.

The aim of the IL120,000 fund is to support research on librarianship by teachers and students of the Graduate Library School.

At a recent meeting of the Fund's Board, chaired by Mr. Fraenkel and attended by University President Avraham Harman and Graduate Library School Director Dr. Jacob Rothschild, it was decided to allocate IL5,000 for the Fund's first project — research on the compilation of a Reader's Guide to Israeli Periodical Literature. The research will be undertaken by Mr. Meir Buchweiler, a graduate of the School and Director of the Bibliographic Institute of the Kibbutz Hameuhad movement.

The reading incentive project was subsequently chosen as a second activity to be supported by the Fund, this one in cooperation with Youth Aliyah.

Co-founders of the Ora Fund along with Mr. Fraenkel are Mr. Daniel Cohen of the United States,

who was Ora Cohen's husband, and Dr. W. Willer of Zurich. Trustees in addition to Mr. Harman and Dr. Rothschild are Dr. Shabbai Rosen and Dr. Israel Adler.

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Business and Finance

'REAL WAGES UP BY 6 PER CENT'

A question of statistics

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent... Net wage income per capita... Family income is not the same as wages...

Jerusalem Post Reporter... The reported differences between the Government Statistics and the Treasury over whether average wages went up or down in 1972 were cited in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday...

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Stocks off slightly

Jerusalem Post Reporter... Share prices declined yesterday on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange... The general index of share prices fell by 0.36 per cent...

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes sections for 'STOCKS', 'BANKS', 'INDUSTRIAL', 'UTILITIES', 'MILLS', 'OIL', 'STAMPS', 'FOREIGN EXCHANGE'.

Containers cut air freight cost

TEL AVIV. — A new type of modular container for air cargoes and a new IATA programme for air containers effective January 1 may reduce the cost of air freight by as much as 10 per cent.

The new container of triple-wall corrugated cardboard was introduced at a lecture here on Tuesday at the Israeli Packaging Institute by Mr. John Ross, international air freight manager of Tri-Wall Inc., the company that developed the containers.

Mr. Ross said persons using these containers will receive a rebate of \$4 to \$50, depending on the volume of the container. This is in line with a new IATA programme for air containers, which provides that users of these containers will have the weight of the container deducted from the total weight of the cargo.

Heating could be cheaper

By YAACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Efficient insulation and thicker window panes could make heating cheaper, and even do away with the need for it in some parts of Israel.

Gas heaters were slightly preferable, though dearer, and he believed that many people would go on using kerosene stoves for financial reasons. For new buildings he recommended central heating, despite the high investment.



Labour Minister Yosef Almog makes friends with a candidate for the country's first industrial day creche in Kiryat Gat yesterday.

Day nursery at factory

KIRYAT GAT. — The first day nursery in an industrial plant was opened yesterday at a Polgat textile complex here in the presence of Labour Minister Yosef Almog.

The nursery is for children of women who work in the Polgat, Duman, Bagir and Ligat factories. Children from six months to three years of age are eligible.

Israel hotels to get colour television

LONDON (INA). — The British Hoteliers group is involved in a deal to supply Israel hotels with colour television installations over the next 10 years, according to the "Financial Times."

Four firms join industrial park

TEL AVIV. — Four new industries are joining the science-based industrial park being sponsored by Africa-Israel Investments, Mr. Gerald Seibert, head of the company, has announced.

Japan spending \$34b. to fight pollution

TOKYO (AP). — Japan will spend at least \$34.7 billion dollars in the coming 10 years for the battle against mounting pollution in 12 major cities, government officials reported yesterday.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE FIGHT OVER SCOTCH

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Britain and France clashed yesterday over Scotch whisky and its role in the enlarged European Common Market.

Tons of Chutzpah sent to U.S.

Jerusalem Post Reporter... TEL AVIV. — Two tons and a half tons of the Israeli eau de cologne Chutzpah were air-freighted yesterday to the U.S.

Sale of farmland for building to be probed

Jerusalem Post Reporter... Housing Minister Zevu Shafir said yesterday that he would ask the State Attorney to investigate the sale of agricultural land in Rehovot for building plots.

Gaza industrial park planned

Geza's Planning and Building Department is planning a 250-dunam industrial park which will house the workshops now located at the city's entrance.

I.D.B. OFFER INCREASED TO IL50M.

I.D.B. Bankholding has announced that its offer of convertible capital notes will be increased to IL50M.

Demand for space in textile centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter... TEL AVIV. — The cornerstone of a textile house to serve as Israel's show-window for local and foreign buyers will be laid in the Manshiyah quarter in May, 1973, during the Jerusalem Economic Conference.

U.S. diplomats are 'also salesmen'

NEW YORK (AP). — United States ambassadors in foreign capitals are not only diplomats but "hard-sell salesmen" for aircraft, computers and other export products to help redress America's deep trade imbalance, all the way from Holland to Japan.

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VIETNAM ESCALATION

PRESIDENT Nixon's decision to embark once again on the massive bombing of North Vietnam and to intensify the naval blockade of its shores does not come as a surprise. It is a continuation of the policy he inaugurated in April 1972 of seeking to negotiate from a position of strength.

In addition to the political and military considerations which led to the resumption of the bombings, there is also no doubt a personal element. Mr. Nixon feels that he was deliberately humiliated by Hanoi seeking to pressure him into signing the Nine Point Agreement. It leaked to the world in October, and the new demands made in Paris last week. The President fears that the breakthrough of last October will now be declared as an election gimmick, while in fact he and Professor Kissinger at the time did believe that peace was at hand.

The President cannot want to see the war drag on, even though he is no longer under the pressure of the elections. Opposition to the war in America is becoming more active again after a long spell of lethargy and it threatens difficulties even before the formal beginning of the second Nixon term. Above all, the opposition led by Democratic leader George McGovern is determined to keep the issue alive.

Mr. Nixon appears to be labouring under a time limit. He has a number of dates ahead of him: Christmas, New Year's and Inaugural Day. If he can tell the American people that the negotiations have been renewed before any one of these days, his position will be improved.

The time element also weighs heavily on the United States Congress, which will be asked by the Administration to allocate budgets for the continued hostilities, and by the anti-war legislators to deny them.

The peace talks have not been abandoned. Saigon may be persuaded to accede to some of the demands made by Hanoi and the Vietcong regarding the ceasefire, its inspection and the make-up of the future government of South Vietnam. General Haig is now in Saigon to continue the talks with President Thieu. He would not be there unless President Nixon was continuing negotiations.

The new heavy bombings, it is hoped in Washington, will bring Hanoi running to Moscow and Peking for help and advice. Mr. Nixon expects both China and Russia to counsel Hanoi to moderate its demands and seek a way out of the present difficulties. The tension along the Sino-Soviet border is more important and ominous to both Communist giants than quibbling over technical points in Vietnam. The Soviet need for American food is more urgent at the present moment than the vast destruction wreaked on North Vietnam.

Hence it looks as though the President has not closed the doors on future negotiations and would resume them as soon as possible. He was not prepared to take the political rebuff and personal humiliation without resorting to a sharp reply. This he has done in the way that the negotiations have been renewed before any one of these days, his position will be improved.

FOREIGN PRESS

Bombs shake peace hopes

Commenting on the resumption of full-scale bombing and mining of North Vietnam, the New York Times, in an editorial, said yesterday: "The best hope for peace in Indochina since 1954 has been severely shaken by the American bombs on Haiphong and the outskirts of Hanoi in a turn of negotiation once again to confrontation. Whatever else the resumed bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th parallel may accomplish, it is not likely to hasten — and could indefinitely postpone — the 'just and fair' agreement that Henry Kissinger has said is the President's objective.

"There will be endless argument over the cause of the breakdown in negotiations that Dr. Kissinger had hailed so optimistically only two months ago, on the eve of the presidential election...

"But it was Washington that introduced Mr. Thieu's substantive demands into the Paris talks, upsetting the tentative agreement that had been hammered out in October and opening the way to counterdemands from the other side. It is President Nixon, according to all available testimony, who is now insisting that a final accord somehow require Hanoi to recognize that Saigon is to remain in control of the South.

"However devoutly to be wished, this is an unrealistic condition that attempts to impose at the peace table a political solution that has not been won — and cannot be won — on the field of battle. Even if the Communists finally agreed to the elaborate supervisory machinery proposed by Dr. Kissinger, no international observer force could guarantee survival of the American-backed anti-Communist regime in Saigon after American forces were withdrawn. Everyone from the White House down — and especially the White House — must have realized this from the outset."

The "New York Times" also commented on President Nixon's choice of John A. Scowt as American Ambassador to the U.N.: "... Mr. Scowt was known as a shrewd aggressive foreign affairs reporter... but his only official diplomatic experience has come as a White House consultant for 20 months, during which he made arrangements for the television coverage of Mr. Nixon's trip to China and accompanied the President to the Soviet Union... Whatever Mr. Nixon's intent, the naming of Mr. Scowt compounds the downgrading of the U.N..."

ISRAEL PRESS

EGYPT'S WAR THREATS

Hatzofe (National Religious) writes: "The Egyptian threats of war are aimed at the U.S., which does not want to see the cease-fire violated, and are designed to prompt Washington to insist on practical proposals from Israel. Israel must convince the Americans that strengthening Sadat's regime is not Israel's duty and that the way to direct negotiations is open — but not under pressure of threats to resume fire."

ment that Israel is prepared for parallel negotiations with Egypt on both a partial and an overall settlement, writes: "Cairo should be helped to accept the idea of proximity talks as a first step towards breaking the stalemate... It is important that all should know that Israel is prepared to enter into parallel negotiations in two senses: to negotiate with both Jordan and Egypt at one and the same time, as well as to hold simultaneous talks on both a partial and an overall settlement — without prior conditions."

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Saigon — business as usual The Vietcong are only a few miles from the South Vietnamese capital. But the Vietnamese have learned to live with war. In Saigon, young soldiers with pretty girls on their arms queue for "Love Story" and saunter along the pavements without a care in the world. All the shops and bars are doing a roaring trade in the wartime economy. In the centre of the city all seems to be carefree, yet only a few blocks away giant cargo carriers are unloading more war supplies from America and ambulances are rushing wounded soldiers and civilians from the front. U.S. bombers fly overhead on their way to bombing raids in the North and young Vietnamese soldiers kiss their wives and sweethearts goodbye. Beneath all this is a flurry of diplomatic and political activity. But in Saigon it's "business as usual." (Camera Press, London)

NEWSPAPER TRIAL Readers' letters COMPLAINTS DEPT.

The spy case and the press

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It seems that newspapers in Israel fear that the current wave of strikes will soon include the courts. The world of journalism here has already condemned those Jews and Arabs who have recently been detained by the police under suspicion of espionage and of planning subversive and terrorist activity. Nothing has been left to the judges other than to pass sentence.

Kupat Holim and road accident insurance

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post I have been informed by an official of Kupat Holim in Petah Tikvah that expenses caused by road accidents occurring on the way to and from work were to be claimed from National Insurance and not from Kupat Holim. Kupat Holim members involved in any other kind of road accident have no cover at all for their medical expenses. The only remedy they have in such cases is to sue the party who caused the accident. We all know how long this takes and how doubtful the outcome is.

EGGED AND I

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Can you imagine what's been going on at Egged's Public Relations Department. Well, here's the way I piece things together. There was a time when it was staffed by an officer in charge with two secretaries to take care of the daily flow of complaints about poor service. Then came what is known by old-timers as the day of the big ax. Egged was applying for a 20 per cent increase in fares and had to institute economies as a face saver. "Cut to the bone" was the order of the day. An efficiency expert was employed to make recommendations and issued the following report: The Public Relations Department is over-staffed. Complaints can be kept to a minimum by instituting new methods:

1. When a complaint is lodged, send a form postcard immediately, noting receipt of complaint and stating that the matter will be investigated and a report rendered in due time. 2. In nine out of ten instances this will suffice to appease the plaintiff, who, flattered by the prompt attention paid to him, Joseph Q. Citizen, by the most prestigious public transport organisation, will proudly show the card around to his fellow workers in the shop "Man of the Year." 3. Deal with that one out of ten cranks who, 80 days later, takes the trouble, pen, paper, envelope and stamp, to write again inquiring about the fate of his case in the following manner: a) Inform him that the driver in question is on reserve duty if it is the winter season, or on vacation in summer time. b) Depend upon the diversionary tactics of our cousins (letter-bombs, booby traps, etc) and our government leaders (devaluation, new taxes), to take his mind off this trifling nuisance. c) Should he obstinately refuse to forget the matter, it is a sure sign that he is an incorrigible, chronic complainer who represents but one per cent of the population. Don't waste any more time on him. Egged is concerned with serving the other 99 per cent of the public faithfully and courteously, and must not dissipate its resources on such lousy losers. This new programme was so successful that there was no longer any need for a full-fledged department. The teller of the bank across the street was engaged to spend his lunch hour at Egged's office and take care of the occasional complaints. He was paid time and a half (plus two glasses of tea on the house). As time went on and the public caught on, it was found that all the business could be taken care of during the coffee-break at a saving in salary (and one glass of tea).

ABRAHAM WASSERSTEIN

Sir, — My political sympathies are on the whole right of centre, but I am appalled at the ugliness that has crept into the discussion aroused by the terrible tragedy that has befallen Kibbutz Gan Shmuel, and need I say it, all our people. Is it decent to blame a whole movement for the alleged misdeeds of one person?

JOANNA WEINBERG SADOR

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JERALDINE E. GORDON

However, if the victim is not entitled to any compensation and received none, either through a law suit, arbitration or any other means, we forgo any claim against our member.

HISTORY OF THE J.T.A.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The article, "Behind the Headlines" (December 7), is a short, colourful biography of The Jerusalem Post, describing the journalistic achievements and historical events connected with Jerusalem's daily paper. But it is unfair to link the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the "Palestine Bulletin" with the name of Jacob Landau alone and to omit Meir Grossman. Both Meir Grossman and Jacob Landau were the founders.

Is this a record?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Subsequent to your news item regarding Mayor Lindsay's having run down the Masada Snake Path in 12 minutes (December 6), our kibbutz took me and the other four volunteers here on a trip to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. After spending three hours on Masada, I had a go at the Snake Path and ran down it in five and a half minutes to the base of the mountain and seven and a half minutes to the end of the path below the cave without taking any risks or chest cuts. I hope Mayor Lindsay is not too distressed if he reads this in your paper. But why I'm really writing is to ask if there is a timed record for the Snake Path descent and what the starting and ending points are for this purpose.

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Justice on sherut

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am an American, a retired teacher, now living in Israel. An experience I had recently prompts me to write you, perhaps to counter some of the criticism I have heard made by Americans of the rudeness and aggressiveness of the Israeli. I was standing in Ben Yehuda, waiting for transportation, when a sherut stopped. As I proceeded to get on, I got a shove from behind, and a younger and more vigorous woman got in and took the only available seat. Bad luck for me... but the door was not closing, and it seems that an argument was ensuing... the driver saying that he would not proceed until the woman who had done the shoving got out again. She was very angry, but by that time everyone on the vehicle was in the argument, and so she got out, and I got in. When I did, everyone applauded. I ask you... could this happen anywhere but in Israel? REGINA DICKEE Tel Aviv, December 12.

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